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ADVISORY ACTION

☒ THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE:

a) ☐ is extended to run _____ or continues to run _____ from the date of the final rejection

b) ☒ expires three months from the date of the final rejection or as of the mailing date of this Advisory Action, whichever is later. In no event however, will the statutory period for the response expire later than six months from the date of the final rejection.

Any extension of time must be obtained by filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a), the proposed response and the appropriate fee. The date on which the response, the petition , and the fee have been filed is the date of the response and also the date for the purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. Any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17 will be calculated from the date of the originally set shortened statutory period for response or as set forth in b) above.

☐ Appellant's Brief is due in accordance with 37 CFR 1.192(a).

☒ Applicant's response to the final rejection, filed _7/30/2002_ has been considered with the following effect, but it is not deemed to place the application in condition for allowance:

1. ☒ The proposed amendments to the claim and /or specification will not be entered and the final rejection stands because:

   a. ☐ There is no convincing showing under 37 CFR 1.116(b) why the proposed amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented.

   b. ☒ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. (See Note).

   c. ☐ They raise the issue of new matter. (See Note).

   d. ☒ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal.

   e. ☐ They present additional claims without cancelling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

   NOTE: Newly added claimed limitation of " displaying on a display, when an outcome ... is not capable of carrying out printing found in claims 19 and 27 raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search

2. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claims _____ would be allowed if submitted in a separately filed amendment cancelling the non-allowable claims.

3. ☒ Upon the filing an appeal, the proposed amendment ☐ will be entered ☒ will not be entered and the status of the claims will be as follows:

   Claims allowed: _____
   Claims objected to: _____
   Claims rejected: _4-22, 25-27, 33-35, 37-41, 56-59_
      However;
   ☐ Applicant's response has overcome the following rejection(s): _____

4. ☒ The ~~affidavit, exhibit or~~ request for reconsideration has been considered but does not overcome the rejection because _____
   see attachment

5. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will not be considered because applicant has not shown good and sufficent reasons why it was not earlier presented.

☐ The proposed drawing correction ☐ has ☐ has not been approved by the examiner.
☐ Other

Gabriel Garcia

ATTACHMENT

With respect to applicant's argument that Foothill Sierra 2 Bridge, in Blair, is not a user, has been considered.

In reply: Foothill Sierra 2 Bridge is a name. The system located at Foothill Sierra 2 Bridge is using a network system for communication. (Column 1, and column 2, lines 40-45, Blair) Therefore, Foothill Sierra 2 Bridge is a name representing a group of users using the network system for communications.

With respect to applicant's argument that Blair does not teach displaying as items of selection the name of users regularly using the network system and selecting one of the names displayed at the user name displaying step, has been considered.

In reply: Blair et al. teach a user name (118, column 4, lines 54-67) displaying step for displaying as items of selection the names of users (the name of the system located in foothill 2/2) regularly using the network system; (118 regularly using the network for communication), and a user name selecting step for selecting one of the names displayed at the user name displaying step. (Fig. 5, column 4, lines 45-67)

With respect to applicant's argument that Blair does not teach a second printer is automatically selected, has been considered.

In reply: Column 5, lines 5-40, Blair, teaches to have virtual connections between at least two printers (e.g. LJ2 and 4si, with LJ2 being the default printer). This virtual connection would be automatically reinitialized even if the user exits the network system, and the 4si (secondary

device) would be used to print a print job if the LJ2 is in used. With the virtual connection being automatically reinitialized, the 4si would be used (not any other printer without the virtual connection) to print a print job whenever LJ2 is in used. Therefore, 4si is automatically selected by reinitialized the virtual connection of 4si.

With respect to applicant's argument that Jackson does not teach displaying categories with different functions on a display as items to be selected, has been considered.

In reply: Jackson, teaches displaying (GUI, line 17) categories (object of certain type, lines 1-2) with different functions (attributes of intended object, line 16) on a display (CRT line 26) as items to be select. (Specify selection criteria, line 18).

With respect to applicant's argument that Jackson does not teach displaying the input output apparatus into categories with different user identification on a display as items to be selected, has been considered.

In reply: Jackson et al. (IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, Vol. 36, No. 09B, September 1993), teaches to use a display (User Interface, line 17) for allowing users to enter different user identification information (user specify selection criteria, line 18, user's criteria, line 19) and from the user identification information (user specify selection criteria, line 18), display available printers (lines 17-31).